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The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the St. John Opera House Company will be held at the Opera House on Thursday, January 5, 1911, at 8.30 p. m.

A. O. SKINNER, President.
A. E. McGINLEY, Secretary.

SUSSEX ELECTIONS.

This is nomination day for the civic officers in Sussex. There is only one contest, that in ward two, where Ald. Murray, H. H. Dryden, and F. W. Wallace are having a three cornered contest. N. W. Everleigh is elected mayor by acclamation and others enjoying the same boon are Aldermen-at-Large C. H. Perry, ward one, Ald. Dryden and Sinnott, ward three. Thomas H. Brown and Ald. Killen.

DEATH OF A PRIEST.

Rev. Joseph D'Amour, parish priest at Fel River, Restigouche Co., diocese of Chatham, died at Trois Pistoles, Que., on Dec. 10, of paralysis, aged 42. He had two brothers priests—one in Quebec, the other in the United States.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Professor Samuel Henry Butcher, M.P., for Cambridge University since 1906, died yesterday. He was a son of the Bishop of Meath.

Following the recent failure of the Quanah National Bank, of Quanah, Texas, the comptroller of the currency has ordered that the 7,200 national banks in the United States must adopt a uniform system of bookkeeping.

Earthquakes in the Elis district of Greece have destroyed two villages. The extent of the damage is not yet known.

The engine room, boiler house and machine shop at the Bartlett mines, Gowganda, have been destroyed. The damage will amount to about $30,000.

The legislature of Massachusetts will be asked to pass a bill to forbid anyone not belonging to the militia or police force to "buy, hire, least, receive, use or carry arearms," without securing a special license.

Sixteen or eighteen workmen were killed yesterday by the explosion of the boiler in the plant of the Morewood Lake Ice Co., near Pittsfield, Mass.

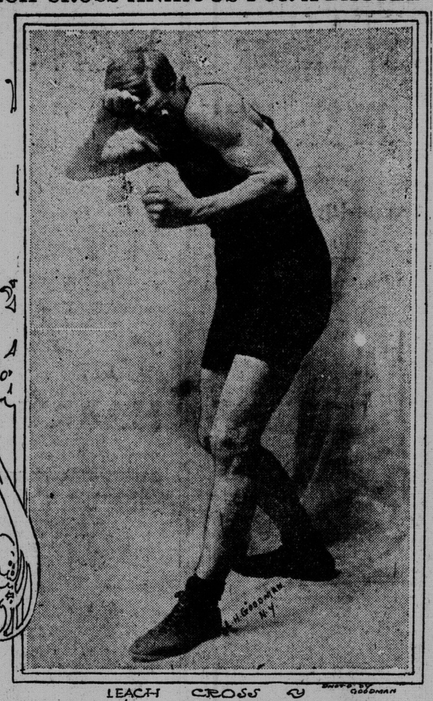
The grand jury in New York, in one hour yesterday, indicted Joseph G. Robin, on a charge of the larceny of $90,000 from the savings bank, of which he was president.

Some eighty members of the Longshoremen's Union employed by Trefethen & Dugan in unloading pulp wood from the steamers Hektor and Symra at Portland, Me., have struck. They claim enough men should be employed to load the cars also, but the contractors assert that their contract does not call for this.

Charles Cochrane, Charles Morris and Benjamin Canning, of Port Greville, N. S., were arrested yesterday on a charge of complicity in the burning of the schoolhouse at Port Greville, on which charge Charles Allen is now awaiting trial in Amherst. The men are prominent in their home town, and much excitement prevails over the matter. They are held in $2,000 bail.

A fire in a Cincinnati tenement Saturday was spreading so rapidly that the fire chief ordered the occupants of an adjoining tenement to vacate. A stalwart onlooker rushed in to do the best he could and in a few minutes emerged triumphantly with a canary in a cage. He carried it to a store across the street, where it sang joyously throughout the excitement.

LEACH CROSS ANXIOUS FOR A BATTLE



Leach Cross, the dentist pugilist, who has not fought in some time, but who is anxious to try conclusions with some of the top notch lightweights.

SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

Hockey

St. John to Lose McQuarrie.

While St. John will have a strong hockey team this winter, yet she will be weakened by the loss of one of her stars, Lowell McQuarrie, who last winter held down the rover position. McQuarrie, who is in the employ of T. H. Estabrooks & Co., has been transferred to the Winnipeg branch of the concern and will leave on Monday for the prairie city. The appointment comes by way of promotion and while Mr. McQuarrie's many friends will congratulate him in this respect yet they will miss his absence from the city. As a player, he was one of the best forwards on the St. John team and his place will be hard to fill.

Captain Clawson, however, has some promising material and while he has no definite announcement to make, yet there are those who will satisfactorily fill the bill.

St. John plays its first game here with Chatham on Jan. 6, not in Chatham.

A practice will be held tomorrow night from 8 to 9 o'clock if the weather permits.

St. Francis Xavier May Play in St. John.

The St. Francis Xavier College hockey team will have a busy time of it on their trip to Harvard. They already have three games to play and are now arranging a match to be played in New York with the N. Y. A. C. A Sydney paper says:

"The night before the Harvard game they will play a practice match with the M. I. T. and the day after expect to play in New York. On the way home a game will be played in St. John, probably on Saturday, Jan. 13."

St. Michael's Won.

St. Michael's College, at Toronto, Canada, defeated the New York A. C. at hockey in New York Tuesday night by 6 goals to 0. The game was fast, and, though aggressive, it was clean throughout, but the Canadians showed themselves at every stage the masters, both in strategy and execution, of the New York team, which is champion of the Amateur Hockey League.

The Turf

New Running Record.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 29—Terns Trick established a new world's record for five furlongs at Emeryville today, running the distance in 58 seconds. The previous mark was 58 3-5, made by Jack Nunnally at the same track December 3, 1907. The event won by Terns Trick was the Candelaria handicap.

Baseball

Signs Blank Contract

Pittsburg, Pa. Dec. 29—A peculiar case of contract signing occurred today in the office of the Pittsburg Baseball Club. Charles (Deacon) Phillipe, the veteran pitcher who has just returned after a hunting trip in Canada, called to wish President Barney Dreyfuss a happy New Year. "How would you like to sign a contract while you're here?" asked Dreyfuss. "One time suits me as well as another," replied "Deacon." "I wonder if you have the nerve to sign a blank contract and allow me to fill in the amount later?" queried Barney. The Deacon reached for the blank wrote his name on it, and handed back the contract to Dreyfuss. The club owner filled out the document, and it apparently pleased the pitcher, for he smiled when he read the filled out contract a little later.

The Turf

Gives Up Racing.

Albert Smith, who was driving the speedy pacing mare Kate Willard, when little Alexander Robinson was killed on the ice at Fredericton on Christmas, has quit racing as a result. He has sold the mare to Harvey McCoy.

Astronomers have found an interesting use for the bicycle wheel. By fitting such a wheel with a series of opaque screens placed at regular intervals and then rotating it by means of a small motor at the rate of from 30 to 50 revolutions a minute before the cameras used to photograph meteors, one investigator has succeeded in measuring the velocity of the meteor's flight. The principle depends on the interruptions produced by the screens in the trails of light made upon the photographic plates by the flying meteor. The velocity of the wheel is known at every instant by means of a chronographic record, and the length of the interruptions indicates the speed of the meteor.

Any schoolboy knows that history doesn't repeat itself.

AMUSEMENTS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

THE UNIQUE.

Each succeeding programme at the Unique Theatre has a feature that adds a laurel to the house's efforts to supply the best. The one for today and Saturday is called "The Winning of Miss Langdon." It is a delightful military comedy drama and is carried out in a manner that is well worthy of its illustrious author, Richard Harding Davis, by the members of the Edison Company. "The Hobble Skirt," from the Imp fun factory illustrates the difficulty into which a tramp gets himself by donning the latest feminine style. An exceptionally fine scenic picture will be presented in "A Trip Through Corsica," showing some pretty views of interesting places and unusualy scenery, while "Mendelssohn's Spring Song," an Imp classic, is expected will be sure to win approval. The rendering of "The Holy City," by Mr. Fischer is proving a treat and the applause last evening was tremendous. There are pretty effects and stage setting. A grand holiday bill is announced for Monday.

THE OPERA HOUSE

"The Convict's Daughter," was the offering of the W. S. Harkins Co., at the Opera House last evening before a fair-sized audience, who seemed well pleased with the play. It is a strong melodrama, with a refreshing amount of comedy, which for the most part was created by the convict and the tramp, a part enacted by Harry English, who was thoroughly at ease in the role. His lines also called for some good dramatic acting, in which he was seen to advantage.

The title role was taken by Miss Mignon Oxer, and she lived up to its requirements, winning the applause of the audience. She was joyous or sad as the occasion demanded, and in her emotional scenes was particularly pleasing. Mr. Franklin, as a "scheming villain," foiled in his plottings by the hero tramp, portrayed the character with distinction, winning displeasure from his audience, and sharing in curtain calls with Mr. English and Miss Oxer.

Mr. LaDuke in the lighter role of Jack Warburton made himself a favorite, while Miss Palmer as Susan, a housemaid, added to the laugh producing. Miss Hastings enacted with cleverness the part of Mrs. Gould, while Mr. Prince handled with ease the role of the colonel. The play will be repeated this evening.

THE GEM

On Saturday afternoon in the Gem Theatre a souvenir is to be given for the young folks, and a monster programme is promised and suitable prizes given. On Monday next the theatre will open at 10 a. m., with an excellent all-feature bill.

A powerful domestic drama entitled "The Preacher's Wife," is one of the leading films on the week-end programme. It is a recent Vitagraph release, and shows the effects of intolerance, which in this case nearly wrecked the lives of a preacher and his bride. "The Cowboy's Stratagem," is an Essanay film, in which a big-hearted man of the plains is misunderstood by his fiance, and has to resort to strategy to redeem himself in her favor. In this picture are seen some clever feats of horsemanship, and several exciting incidents. "Fatty's Day in the Country," is a rollicking comedy, while "An Arctic Expedition" is an instructive feature. Mr. Dunbar will sing "You Are Not the Only One Who Loves Me," while the Gem orchestra will play some new selections.

THE LYRIC.

The forethought of the Lyric management in retaining the Three Dancing Mitchells for the entire week proved a gratifying success last night, as they were greeted with houses well filled at each performance, and they more than upheld their reputations as fun makers and novelty dancers. Many new songs and startling dances were introduced, making the act go with a swing and dash. But two more days remain to see this clever trio. Four pictures of a high order make up the balance of a most refreshing pastime. The outstanding feature is a western story, "A Brave Western Girl." A special vaudeville attraction and picture programme for Monday is promised.

WINDSOR CHAPEL ETIQUETTE.

(London World)

There is a good deal of etiquette as to the costume to be worn when attending the private chapel at Windsor Castle. A lady "commanded" to appear there for a week-end visit for the first time during the last reign appeared on Sunday morning for service dressed as for walking and was at once told that it was not etiquette to come to their majesties' private service in a bonnet or hat. Accordingly she hastily returned to her room, some distance away, and divested herself of her outdoor apparel. She arrived again at the door of the chapel, only to be told that though headgear is "tabu," gloves are de rigueur. So another expedition had to be undertaken to her room, whence, having seized her gloves, she returned in a breathless condition only just in time to be at last admitted to the chapel.

EDISON PEERS INTO FUTURE

Wizard Speaks of Accomplishments and Effects — Mails By Aeroplane — Perfecting The Talking Pictures

New York, Dec. 30—Thomas A. Edison makes many interesting predictions for the future. "I believe aerial navigation will become practical," said Mr. Edison, "not as a means of personal transportation alone, but for the transportation of the mails and small articles intended for quick delivery. By aerial transportation remote sections in the far distant parts of the globe may be reached.

"I do not believe that the United States government will take up the problem of the development of aerial navigation. I think it wil be done by private companies. These companies will use the aeroplane to reach points in Alaska and other places that would be almost inaccessible by ordinary means of transportation.

"Many great problems have been solved during the last few years, principally by the application of electricity, but even a more notable achievement is the advancement of surgery to the stage in which it is now practised in the Rockefeller Institute.

"The vacuum house cleaner is a great gift to the home and a boom to health. There have been many new electrical cooking vessels perfected. The propelling of street cars by storage batteries is a distinct step forward in this field. The progress that has been made in the building trades by the use of cement has been of great benefit and gives promise of better, safer and cheaper buildings in the near future.

"The use of cement for building concrete bridges, sewers and subway walls has increased wonderfully, and will go forward more rapidly by the use of steel models for this work. Blaw & Co., of Pittsburg, are working their steel plant night and day filling orders for these models. They are my own invention, and by their use bridges, houses and other structures can be built at a saving of about seventy-five per cent, and the models can be used over and over again.

Perfecting Speaking Pictures

"I am perfecting the speaking pictures," continued Mr. Edison. "These pictures re-enact perfectly any event caught by the camera. For instance, Colonel Roosevelt will be shown life-size on the screen delivering a speech, his words being reproduced clear and distinct. I hope to have a demonstration of the speaking pictures in New York during the coming summer.

"I am also working on color photography. This is a long, hard pull, but I am going to perfect it. I do not expect to accompliah anything definite in color photography for a year at least, as I can devote only a part of my time to the subject at present."

PRICE OF TEA GOING UP

Ceylon Higher in England Than for 15 Years—Darjeeling at 71 Cents a Pound

The price of tea is going up in England, according to the statement of a manager of one of the largest tea companies in London. Ceylon tea is dearer than it has been for fifteen years. "The rise is mainly in the cheaper grades," he said. "This is due largely to the rubber planting, which has to a certain extent pushed out tea, making a shortage there as well as in Northern India. Added to this, we have been using much more tea this year than last, and at the same time importing less, which has caused a great depletion of stocks.

"Russia and Australia are outbidding England in purchasing tea, and it is anticipated that the shortage this year will amount to between three and six million pounds. So great is the demand that blenders are tempted to mix what is hardly better than rubbish with a little good tea in order to satisfy those who call for cheap tea. The English are not half as wide-awake as the Irish, who know that good tea goes further, weight for weight, and they insist on having it. But they pay for it."

As an indication of the prices ruling in the London sale rooms, it may be mentioned that Darjeeling tea about two weeks ago realised an average price of 71 cents a pound in bond.

OBITUARY

Miss Margaret Cassidy

The death occurred last night at her home in Mecklenburg street of Miss Margaret Cassidy. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cassidy. Her father was at one time a very prominent citizen and contractor. He represented Dukes ward in the city council for many years. She is survived by one sister, who lives in this city. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon with service in Trinity church at 2.30.

William H. Johnson

The death which occurred on Wednesday morning, Dec. 21, of William H. Johnson, at his late residence, Apohaqui, removed one who by his kind and happy disposition won the respect of all who knew him. Deceased was in his seventy-eighth year, and is survived by his wife, who is a daughter of the late John Soper, four sons and two daughters. His sons are George N. Johnson, D.D.S., of Grand Marias (Minn.); J. Herbert Johnson, M. D., of Boston; Walter T. Johnson, superintendent Eastern Construction Co. for the G.T.P. railroad, Fort William (Ont.). The daughters are Susannah, wife of Frank C. Smith, of Scovil Bros., Ltd., St. John, and Mrs. Annie Johnson at home.

He was a descendant of the United Empire Loyalists, his father being Nathaniel, Johnson, youngest son of Abram Johnson, who removed with his family from Staten Island, New York, after the independence of the United States was acknowledged, and settled at Millstream, Kings county (N. B.). His mother, previous to her marriage, was Ann Ryan, daughter of James Ryan, of Millstream, and sister of the Hon. John Ryan, M. P., George Ryan, M. P., and James Ryan, of Millstream. Dr. George F. Johnson, of Sussex, is a brother, and Mrs. Eleanor Sharpe, also of Sussex, a sister of deceased, and the only surviving members of a family of nine. Interment took place at Berwick, Methodist cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Bell. The deceased has been a member of Berwick Methodist church for upwards of thirty-five years. He was a Conservative in politics.

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THE PASSING OF OLD "CY" YOUNG

Old "Cy" Young, after twenty years of hard and faithful service on the baseball diamond, has evidently pitched his last game in major league company. The Cleveland management has asked for waivers on the veteran pitcher, and not one club has claimed his services, which means the passing of one of the greatest pitchers in the history of the game.

MORNING LOCALS

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. Isaacs, 84 Sydney street, will regret to hear of the death of their infant son, Herman L., which occurred last night. The child was only seven months old. The funeral will be private.

Sixty-five employes were present last evening in White's restaurant at the dinner given by T. H. Estabrooks to his staffs in the various departments. The dinner was a distinct success in every way, and had many pleasing features. A tasty and artistic souvenir menu card had been prepared, and on it were the names of all the employes with the date of their joining, showing that some of them had been with the firm a long while. The programme has already been given in the Times.

The Deanery of St. John has arranged for systematic visitations of the General Public hospital. Revs. Messrs. McKim, Kuhring, and Scovil will attend to the matter.

Rev. Dr. W. E. McIntyre, on behalf of the U. B. Foreign Mission Board, recently sent to London a cheque for $13,333 in payment for the London Missionary Society's property at Vizagapatan, India, recently acquired by the board here. Dr. McIntyre returned last night from Wolfville, where he attended a Baptist meeting, when the appointment of a financial agent was considered but action deferred.

A fine of $20 was allowed to stand in the police court yesterday afternoon against Robert Cook, charged with assaulting Martin Christianson, The defendant, who is seventy-four years old, admitted the matter but said he assaulted the young man when the latter was trying to take his daughter from him, with the intention, he thought, of annexing her affections. She is only eighteen years old, and he claimed the right of protecting her.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. last evening arrangements were made for the reception to be held in the building on Monday next when they will provide refreshments.

Malcolm Brown, a sailor from the S. S. Lakonia jumped from a top window in the Seaman's Institute last night to the street and broke his ankle. He had been drinking. He is now in the hospital.

"So that's the baby, eh?"

"That's the baby."

"Well, I hope you will bring it up to be a conscientious, God-fearing man.

"I am afraid that will be rather difficult."

"Pshaw! As the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

"I know, but this twig is bent on being a girl, and we are inclined to let it go at that."—Houston Post.

REIGN OF THE DANDIES.

In the matter of dress we have fallen upon a decline since the days when the Duke of Wellington was refused admission to Almack's because he was wearing trousers instead of breeches and silk stockings. Even Almack's, however, had to admit trousers within its closely guarded portals the following year. When Gladstone was "up" at Oxford the reign of the dandies was in full swing. When late in life he revisited the university to lecture to the undergraduates on Homer he was asked by G. W. E. Russel whether he noticed any difference between his audience and the men of his own time.

"Yes," he replied, "in their dress an enormous change. I am told that I had among my audience some of the most highly connected and richest men in the university, and there wasn't one whom I couldn't have dressed from top to toe for £5."—London Chronicle.

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